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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ARRESTS: CONSUMERS PROTECTION INSTITUTE

FOR ATHENS

1. SENATORS BUCKLEY AND JAVITS HAVE REQUESTED DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE FOLLOWING REPORT OF HARALAMBOS KOURIS, PRESIDENT, CONSUMERSPROTECTION INSTITUTE (C.P.I.) AND GENERAL SECRETARY, GREEK COUNCIL OF CONSUMERS: (A) RECENTLY (PROBABLY FEBRUARY OR MARCH) GREEK AUTHORITIES RAIDED KOURIS' OFFICES, CONFISCATED FILES AND HIS BOOK, NON-POLITICAL REVOLUTION, AND INTIMIDATED VARIOUS PEOPLE REGARDING REQUEST FOR UNSPECIFIED HELP FROM KOURIS IN "AN INVESTIGATION"; (B) ON MARCH 27, FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF C.P.I. REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND HELD (AS OF APRIL 1) AT KORISSOS/NEA IONIA SECURITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS:

(1) YIANNIS PETROPOULOS - 36, LAWYER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT;

2) SPIROS KAVOUNDIS - 30, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MECHANIC, GENERAL SECRETARY; (3) ARIS KALLIOPOLITIS - 32, CHEMIST,

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TREASURER; (4) PANCE ROUCHIS - 35, LAWYER, SECOND SECRETARY;

(5) GEORGE MARKOPOULOS - 34, LAWYER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT;

(6) DIMITRIS ELEFThERIADIS - 33, JOURNALIST, MEMBER COUNCIL;

(7) HRISTINA KAVALIOTOU - 28, ECONOMIST, MEMBER COUNCIL.

KOURIS ACKNOWLEDGES ANTI-REGIME ORIENTATION OF CPI BUT
CLAIMS ORGANIZATION OPERATES LEGALLY.

2. CONGRESSMAN MC CLOSKEY AND SENATOR CRANSTON HAVE INQUI-
RED SEPARATELY RE SITUATION OF SPIROS KAVOUNIDIS (PARA ONE)
REPORTED TO BE PH.D. CANDIDATE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

3. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN ABOUT
REASON FOR ALLEGED ARRESTS, HARASSMENT OF C.P.I., AND
ARRESTEES CURRENT STATUS.

FOR MUNICH

4. KOURIS CLAIMS HIS REQUEST FOR VISA FOR USA REFUSED BY
CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH WITH INSTRUCTIONS HE SHOULD
APPLY IN ATHENS. KOURIS IMPLIES RETURN TO GREECE WOULD
RESULT IN HIS ARREST. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF FACTS
OF HIS VISA APPLICATION. RUSH

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